

3 MAY 1768: Deed of Gift from John Mathis/Mathews to his son, Nehemiah Mathis

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John Mathis to Nehemiah Mathis

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This Indenture made this third day of May in the year of Our Lord, 1768, By and between John Mathis of the Township of Little Egg harbour, in the County of Burlington, and Province of West New Jersey, Yeoman of the one part, and his son, Nehemiah Mathis, of the same place, County, and Province aforesaid of the other part, Yeoman, Wittneseth that he the said John Mathis for and in consideration of five shillings in hand paid by the said Nehemiah Mathis before the ensealing hereof and for the natural affection that he the said John Mathis doth bare to the said Nehemiah Mathis doth grant, bargain, and sell alien \_\_\_\_, convey, and confirm to his son, Nehemiah Mathis, and to his heirs forever for his and their own proper use, benefit, and behove all that part that lyes between land that the said John Mathis has signed away to his son Job Mathis on one side and bounding to land that the said John Mathis has signed away to his four grandsons Hezekiah and John and Job and Eli Mathis on the other side, but more particular it begins at a pine tree in the line of land that the said John Mathis purchased of John Budd and also corner to land that the said John Mathis assigned to his son Job standing on the Calf Island and from thence it extends bounding by Job Mathis's line and crossing the Thorofare that leads from Bass River to Ives Creek to a post corner to Job Mathis that stands in the head of a small creek and from thence bounding down the said small creek to the mouth where it empties into Little Egg harbour River and from thence bounding down said river to the mouth of Ives Creek and from thence bound up the the Westerly side of said Ives Creek and crossing the mouth of the aforesaid Thorofare to a post on the very point being a corner to the land that said John Matthis has already signed to his grandchildren Hezekiah, John and Job and Eli Mathis's and from thence bounding along in their line or lines the several courses thereof to a pine being a corner to the land of said Hezekiah, John, and Job, and Eli Mathis's standing in the line of a Survey of Wm. Pancoast a little below an old bridge that crosses Pepperidge Swamp on the Westerly side and from thence bounding along in the line of land that the said John Mathis purchased of Samuel Pancoast South 46 degrees, West 72 chains, to an old line called Budd's line, and from thence bounding along said Budd's line to the beginning pine tree on Calf Island enclosed in the bounds aforesaid containing by estimation 200 acres be the same more or less and also 2 other Surveys on tracts of land lying between the aforesaid Pepperidge Swamp and Buffin's Swamp and joyns at the head of the aforesaid 200 acres both Surveys containing about 90 acres of land, one of the Surveys contains 44 acres and is recorded in the Surveyor General's office at Burlington in Lib. BB, fol. 232. The other Survey contains between 40 and 50 acres, lyes ajoyning to the aforesaid forty and four so that in the whole 3 parcels of land contains 290 acres or thereabout, be the same more or less, which said 290 acres the said John Mathis purchased some part of the aforesaid 200 acres of John Budd and part of Samuel Pancoast the other 2 Surveys of the said John Mathis had surveyed and lequally \_\_\_\_ in the above said office at Burlington all which said 290 acres of land as above described the said John Mathis do the hereby sell to his son, Nehemiah Mathis, and to his heirs. Together with all the right, title, interest, property, possession whatsoever of him the said John Mathis or his heirs with all the appurtenances, privileges of fishing, fowling, hawking, hunting, with all and all manner of profits and advantages both in law and equity belonging to the said 290 acres of land and granted privileges and premises and every part thereof the said Nehemiah Mathis and to his heirs forever moreso that for the future neither the said John Mathis nor his heirs he or they shall not nor will not lay any claim, chancelling, or demand to any part thereof by shall and will forever Warrant and defend the said 290 acres to the said Nehemiah Mathis and to his heirs forever against himself and against his heirs and agains all other persons by his or their means or \_\_\_\_\_. In witteness whereof John Mathis parte to these presents hath hereunto interchangeable set his hand and affix his Seal, day and year first above written. 1768.

Signed: John Mathis

The words (and assigns) erased out before the signing hereof as it stands in the 9th line as it was objected by the Granter. Sign'd, Seal'd and deliver'd in the presence of us:

Signed: Jean Shreeve "her mark, J."

Signed: Marcy Mathis.

Signed: John Leek.

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of the 9th month, 1773, personally appear'd before me, Henry Paxson, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Burlington, John Mathews, Esquire, the Grantor to the within Indenture named, who acknowledged that he did Seal and deliver the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Taken and acknowledged before me on the above date.

Exam. and agrees with the orig.

Signed: Henry Paxson

Signed: Thos. Adams \_\_\_\_

SOURCE: West Jersey Deed Book AP-AQ, pages 324-326, Mathis to Mathis, 3 MAY 1768, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007901128> : accessed 30 MAR 2021), DGS #7901128, images 492-493. The document can also be obtained from New Jersey State Archives. Copy in my possession.